



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



MEETINGS
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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Rob Babcock – Rotary Oratorical Contest
NEXT WEEK: Scott Schauman – Canandaigua Academy Players

NOTES FROM FEBRUARY 24th MEETING



Pledge:
President **Mike Schiller**

Invocation: **Mark Sheppard**



Guest: Proposed Member Gareth Evans, guest of **Jay Dutcher**

Visiting Rotarians: None

Moment of Silence was observed in memory of **Andy Platou**, a past president of our club and current honorary member.

Fundraisers

Meat Raffle: 450 tickets are sold. Get the remaining 50 tickets sold and monies turned in as drawing date is fast approaching.

Scholarship Bowl-a-Thon is Sunday, March 20th. Get your bowling teams together or sponsor one of your Rotary friends. We're hoping to raise \$5000 to fund the high school scholarships we award in June.

Upcoming District Events

Saturday, April 9th: District Training Assembly at Honeoye Central School. See **President Mike** to sign up to attend.

April 29th - May 1st: District Conference in Oswego. Make your reservations early.

Pres. Mike announced that the food and other donated items for the Red Jacket BOCES site were very much appreciated. Our donations more than doubled their inventory.

Polio: Ken Poole reported that a case of raw polio virus has shown up in Malawi. It is unknown where it came from.

Fines



Happy Dollars

George Herren is happy to report his brother's 84th birthday.

Kathi Nevin is happy to be done with her Invisalign braces and also that her son-in-law is still stateside and hasn't been deployed yet.

Mike Schiller is happy for his oldest son being promoted to Assistant Manager at a competitor's

bank.

Mark Sheppard enjoyed a trip to Florida where he and his brother rented Harley Davidson motorcycles and visited Key West.

Clark Kurtz came in person to our meeting so he could settle the tab he's been running up at the Zoom meetings.

Program

Dr. Ryan Thibodeau, a professor of psychology at St. John Fisher College, presented a program on Poor House Cemeteries. The Ontario County Poor House Cemetery is located at the end of County Road 48 in the town of Hopewell and he reports that most graves there do not have grave markers. He is looking to see if any organizations in our area want to take on a project to add signage at the site.

Dr. Thibodeau is working with a committee in Monroe County to put up a memorial and signage in the Mt. Hope Cemetery Public Burial area where many remains were relocated from three poor house cemeteries. He noted that Erie, Livingston and Orleans Counties have all recently put up signage and have stones in their Poor House cemeteries.

Dr. Thibodeau feels that our community should embark on recognizing those buried in the cemetery in Hopewell that is located on County property. He suggested that the Office of County Historian should be involved.

He then talked about the Willard Suitcases. Patients who were admitted to Willard Psychiatric Center had their belongings put in locked suitcases. There are over 6000 patients buried in the Willard Cemetery. When the center closed in the 1990s, hundreds of suitcases were found. Photos of the suitcases and their contents were done by photographer Jon Crispin. The photos are on display at the Patricia O'Keefe Ross Art Gallery in the Skainy Welcome Center at St. John Fisher College through April 15, 2022 weekdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. They are holding a symposium on March 18th & 19th at the college regarding the Willard Suitcases and Perspectives on Mental Health and Society. Information can be obtained from Dr. Thibodeau at rthibodeau@sjfc.edu.

50/50: **Joe Delforte** got the \$10 cash. **Al Walker** drew the six of clubs out of the 40 cards left in the deck.



Ed O'Connor led the group in reading the 4 Way Test.